

(iii) water [up to 100% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition];

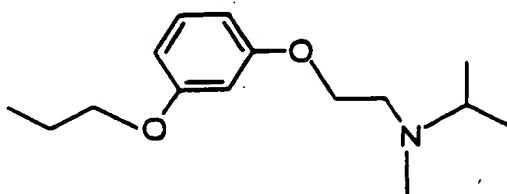
wherein said composition is in the form of an emulsion or microemulsion and has thermoreversible gelling properties such that said composition is less viscous at room temperature than after introduction onto a mucous membrane of a patient.

Please rewrite claims 5-7 as follows:

5(twice amended). <sup>The</sup> A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein [the active ingredient] said one or more local anaesthetics is a eutectic mixture of local anaesthetics.

6(once amended). <sup>The</sup> A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 5, wherein [the active ingredient] said one or more local anaesthetics is a eutectic mixture of lidocaine and prilocaine.

7(once amended). <sup>The</sup> A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein [the active ingredient] said one or more local anaesthetics <sup>comprises</sup> is



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Please rewrite claim 8 as follows:

8(twice amended). <sup>The</sup> A pharmaceutical composition according to any one of [one] claims 1-7, comprising more than one surfactant of which at least one is a surfactant having thermoreversible gelling properties.

Please amend claim 12 by deleting "Lutrol F68®" and replacing therefor -- poloxamer 188 --. In the same claim please delete "Lutrol F127®" and replace therefor -- poloxamer 407 --.